



Protection & License Committee

Monday, June 29, 2026, 7:00 PM
City Council Chamber, 1st Floor
562 Main Street, Melrose, MA 02176

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Jason Chen	Vice Chair
Elizabeth Kowal	
John Obremski	
Devin Romanul	
William Bradley Freeman	President, Ex Officio Member
Cal Finocchiaro	Chair

Meeting was called to order by Chair Finocchiaro at 7:00 PM

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jason Chen	Vice Chair	Present-remote attendance	
Elizabeth Kowal	At-Large	Absent	
John Obremski	Ward 2	Present	
Devin Romanul	Ward 7	Present	
William Bradley Freeman	President, Ex Officio Member	Present	
Cal Finocchiaro	Chair	Present	

Non-voting member Councilor Karamcheti was also in attendance.

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

Protection & License Committee Meeting May 4, 2026 6:50 PM

Motion to approve the minutes by unanimous consent made by Chair Finocchiaro

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Jason Chen, Cal Finocchiaro, John Obremski, Devin Romanul, Bradley Freeman

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Hybrid

When: Jun 29, 2026 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Protection & License Committee Meeting

Join from PC, Mac, iPad, or Android:

<https://cityofmelrose->

[org.zoom.us/j/93435010319?pwd=Eo7cTpbzou5P1GRT3ypOQTY7oBE4ck.1](https://cityofmelrose-)

Passcode:693773

Webinar ID: 934 3501 0319

Motion to Open public comment made by Councilor Romanul at 7:02 PM

Seconded by President Freeman

All were in favor and motion passed

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Jason Chen, Cal Finocchiaro, John Obremski, Devin Romanul, Bradley Freeman

There were no comments on the floor or via Zoom

Motion to Close public comment made by Councilor Romanul at 7:02 PM

Seconded by President Freeman

All were in favor and motion passed

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Jason Chen, Cal Finocchiaro, John Obremski, Devin Romanul, Bradley Freeman

IV. LICENSES

- A. **(ID # 2026-1336):** New Common Victualler License for Shawbak Lebanese Eatery and Bakery

Maya Jamaledine of 10 Melrose Street presented her family-owned business proposal, which will operate seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. serving Lebanese food and bakery items made from scratch.

Motion to Recommend made by President Freeman

Seconded by Councilor Romanul

All were in favor and motion passed

RESULTS:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
TO:	City Council
AYES:	Jason Chen, Cal Finocchiaro, John Obremski, Devin Romanul, Bradley Freeman
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Elizabeth Kowal

Maya thanked city hall staff and especially City Clerk Cifuni for their help in navigating the process of

establishing the new business and obtaining a common vic license.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The City of Melrose does not discriminate based on disability and is committed to hosting accessible meetings and events. Individuals with disabilities who need auxiliary aids and services for effective communication, written materials in alternative formats, or reasonable modifications in policies and procedures, in order to access the programs and activities of the City of Melrose or to attend meetings, should contactthe City’s ADA Coordinator, Polina Latta platta@cityofmelrose.org.

Motion to Adjourn made by Councilor Romanul at 7:14 PM
Seconded by President Freeman
All were in favor and meeting was adjourned

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Jason Chen, Cal Finocchiaro, John Obremski, Devin Romanul, Bradley Freeman

Common Victualler License Application Instructions

Annual Fee - \$175

Licenses Expire annually on December 31

Common Victualler Licenses are valid from January through December and are required to be renewed annually. To avoid delays in processing your application, please do not leave any applicable sections blank. All incomplete applications will be returned.

THE PROCESS TO OBTAIN a LICENSE can TAKE UP to 6 weeks to obtain depending on the CITY COUNCIL Meeting Schedule. Please plan accordingly.

- ✓ **Please refer to the check list below to ensure all steps are completed prior to submitting the original application to the City Clerk's Office:**

Page 2	Completed application with "wet signature"
Page 3	Tax Certification Form
Page 4	Signed acknowledgement of receipt of §152-12
Pages 5-6	Completed Worker's Compensation Insurance Affidavit, including a copy of Declarations page of Workers' Compensation Policy.
Pages 7-8	Inspection and approval from the following Departments: ○ Melrose Fire ○ Melrose Health and Human Services Department ○ Melrose Police ○ Inspectional Services ○ Treasurer Collectors Office
	Completed Business Certificate Application, if license name includes a DBA
	Copy of Current ServSafe Certificate
	\$150 Application Fee payable by cash, credit card or check payable to the City of Melrose.

Please email clerks@cityofmelrose.org with any questions.



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☒ New Application

Requires applicants' attendance at a City Council Protection and License Committee meeting and approval from the City Council.

☐ Renewal Application

COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE APPLICATION
LICENSING PERIOD JANUARY 1st - DECEMBER 31st

Business Name: Shawbak Lebanese eatery and Bakery		Tax ID Number: 99-4,891,888				
Business Address: 36-40 West Wyoming Ave		Business Phone Number: 781-663-0044				
Owner's Name: Maya Jamaledine		Owner's Cell Phone Number: 0178004				
Residential Address of Owner: 10 Melrose St Melrose MA 02176		Number of Employees: 3				
Email Address of Owner (required): K[redacted]ing@gmail.com						
24-hour Emergency Contact Name: Abdallah Jamaledine		Emergency Phone Number: 339 221				
Circle all that apply:	☒ Breakfast	☒ Lunch	☒ Dinner	☒ Take-out		
Please List Daily Hours of Operation						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1-5	1-5	1-5	1-5	1-5	1-7	1-5
Approved Number of Seats:			30			



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Floor Space/ Square Feet:

900 Sqft

TAX CERTIFICATION FORM

Business Name:	Kanj Consulting LLC
Business Address:	36-40 West Wyoming Ave Melrose MA 02176
DBA (if applicable):	Shawbak Lebanese Eatery and Bakery
Owner's Name:	Maya Jamaleddine

By signing below, you are requesting to be granted a Common Victualler License from the City of Melrose. In addition, you swear and affirm that the contents of the document are truthful and accurate to the best of your knowledge and belief.

Additionally, you hereby certify under the penalties of perjury that you have, to the best of your knowledge and belief, filed all state tax returns, paid all state taxes, local taxes, all water, sewer and solid waste disposal bills, all tax titles, utilities, and all motor vehicle excise taxes to the City of Melrose required by law.

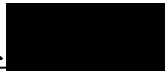

Signature of Petitioner 1

4-30-26
Date of Signature

1-1-
Date of Birth


Signature of Petitioner 2

4-30-26
Date of Signature

10-26-
Date of Birth

***This license will not be used or renewed unless this certification clause is signed by the applicant.**

****Your Social Security number or Federal Identification number will be furnished to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) to determine whether you have met tax filing or tax payment obligations. Licensees failing to correct their non-filing or delinquency will be subject to license suspension or revocation. This request is made under the authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 62C, Section 49A.**



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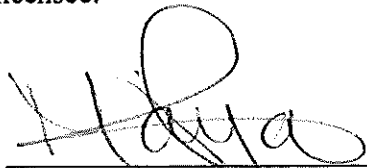
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF MELROSE ORDINANCES

§ 152-12 Common victuallers and innholders

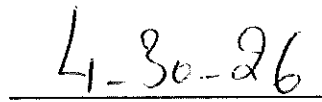
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State law reference — Law of the commonwealth authorizing cities to grant licenses to common victuallers, innholders, etc., MGL c. 140, § 2, construed in *Liggett Drug Co. v. Board of License Commissioners*, 296 Mass. 41, 4 N.E. (2d) 268.

By signing below, you are acknowledging that you have read the City of Melrose Charter and Administrative Charter Chapter 152 §12 pertaining to Common Victuallers and Innholders and understand all that is required as a licensee.



Applicant Signature



Date



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600 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02111
www.mass.gov/dia

Workers' Compensation Insurance Affidavit: General Business
Applicant Information Please Print Legibly

Business Name: Shawbak Lebanese Eatery and Bakery
Address: 36-40 West Wyoming Ave
City/State/Zip: Melrose, MA 02176
Phone #: 617-800 4 [REDACTED]

Are you an employer- (check one):	
☒	*I am an employer with <u>3</u> employees (full/part-time)
☐	I am sole proprietor or partnership and have no employees working for me in any capacity (No workers' comp insurance required)
☐	We are a corporation and its officers have exercised their right of exemption per c. 152, § 1(4), and we have no employees. (No workers' comp insurance required)
☐	We are a non-profit organization, staffed by volunteers, with no employees. (No workers' comp insurance required)

Business Type- (required):	
☐	Retail
☒	Restaurant/Bar/Eating Establishment
☐	Office and/or Sales (incl. real estate, auto, etc.)
☐	Entertainment
☐	Manufacturing
☐	Non-profit
☐	Health Care
☐	Other:

*Any applicant that checks box #1 must also fill out the section on the next page showing their workers' compensation policy information.

** If the corporate officers have exempted themselves, but the corporation has other employees, a workers' compensation policy is required, and such an organization should check box #1.

I am an employer that provides workers' compensation insurance for my employees. Below is the policy information.



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Insurance Company Name: Morrill Insurance Agency A Cond

Insurer's Address: 17 Central St

City/State/Zip: Norwood MA 02062

Policy # or Self-Insurance License #: 100049 [REDACTED] Expiration Date: 6-15-2027

Required:

Attach a copy of the workers' compensation policy declaration page (showing the policy number and expirations date).

Failure to secure coverage as required under Section 25A of MGL c. 152 can lead to the imposition of criminal penalties of a fine up to \$1,5000.00 and/or one-year imprisonment, as well as civil penalties in the form of a STOP Work Order and a fine of up to \$250.00 a day against the violator. Be advised that a copy of this statement may be forwarded to the Office of Investigations of the DIA for insurance coverage verification.

I do hereby certify, under the pains and penalties of perjury, that the information provided above is true and correct.

Signature: [Signature] Date: 6-8-26

Phone #: 617-800-4154

City or Town Officials

Please be sure that the affidavit is complete and printed legibly. The Department has provided a space at the bottom of the affidavit for you to fill out in the event the Office of Investigation has to contact you regarding the applicant. Please be sure to fill in the permit/license number which will be used as a reference number. In addition, an applicant that must submit multiple permit/license applications in any given year, need only submit one affidavit indicating current policy information (if necessary). A copy of the affidavit that has been officially stamped or marked by the city or town may be provided to the applicant as proof that a valid affidavit is on file for future permits or licenses. A new affidavit must be filled out each year. Where a homeowner or citizen is obtaining a license or permit not related to any business or commercial venture (i.e. a dog license or permit to burn leaves etc.) said person is NOT required to complete this affidavit.

COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE
CITY DEPARTMENT REVIEW
LICENSING PERIOD JANUARY 1st - DECEMBER 31st



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Instructions:

Please complete the section below before obtaining approval from each of the City Departments listed on the back of this page. Departments will not review and approve if any fields are left blank.

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION - RELATIVE TO APPLICATION FOR

Business Name: Shawbak Lebanese eatery and Bakery

Owner Name: Maya Jomabaddine Owner DOB: 1-1 [REDACTED]

Business Address: 36-40 West Wyoming Ave Melrose MA 02176

Please List Daily Hours of Operation

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1-5	1-5	1-5	1-5	1-5	1-5	1-5
Approved Number of Seats:			30			
Floor Space/ Square Feet:			900 Sqft			

Attention City Officials: Please review the information submitted by the applicant on the reverse side to ensure all fields are complete prior to researching your records and signing off.

MELROSE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
781-979-4130

Date Signed: 6/25/26

FOOD
PERMIT
EXP
DATE:

6/30/27



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Health & Human Services Signature 		Health & Human Services Name Printed Anthony Chui	
☐ Denied	☒ Approved	☐ Other	
Comments:			

MELROSE FIRE DEPARTMENT 781-979-4405		Date Signed: 5/25/26	\$50 Fee Paid Yes / No
		Capt Gibson	
Melrose Fire Captain Signature		Fire Captain Name Printed	
☐ Denied	☒ Approved	☐ Other	
Comments:			

MELROSE POLICE DEPARTMENT 781-665-1212		Date Signed: 6/8/2026
		Kevin Faller - Chief of Police
Melrose Police Signature		Melrose Police Name Printed
☐ Denied	☒ Approved	☐ Other
Comments:		

INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT 781-979-4135		Date Signed: 6/8/24
		Albert Falarico
Building Commissioner Signature		Building Commissioner Name Printed
☐ Denied	☒ Approved	☐ Other
Comments:		

TREASURER COLLECTORS' OFFICE Available in person during City Hall business hours		Date Signed: 3-26-26
		Janean Shair
Treasurer Collector Signature		Treasurer Collector Name Printed
☐ Denied	☒ Approved	☐ Other
Comments:		

Workers Compensation Information

Massachusetts General Laws chapter 152 requires all employers to provide workers' compensation for their employees. Pursuant to this statute, and *employee* is defined as "...every person in the service of another under any contract of hire, express or implied, oral or written."

T. M. 6.25.26 OK ran Electrical



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An employer is defined as "an individual, partnership, association, corporation or other legal entity, or any two or more of the foregoing engaged in a joint enterprise, and including the legal representatives of a deceased employer, or the receiver or trustee of an individual, partnership, association or other legal entity, employing employees. However, the owner of a dwelling house having not more than three apartments and who resides therein, or the occupant of the dwelling house of another who employs persons to do maintenance, construction or repair work on such dwelling house or on the grounds or building appurtenant thereto shall not because of such employment be deemed to be an employer."

MGL chapter 152, §25C(6) also states that "every state or local licensing agency shall withhold the issuance or renewal of a license or permit to operate a business or to construct buildings in the commonwealth for any applicant who has not produced acceptable evidence of compliance with the insurance coverage required."

Additionally, MGL chapter 152, §25C(7) states "Neither the commonwealth nor any of its political subdivisions shall enter into any contract for the performance of public work until acceptable evidence of compliance with the insurance requirements of this chapter have been presented to the contracting authority."

Applicants

Please fill out the workers' compensation affidavit completely, by checking the boxes that apply to your situation and, if necessary, supply your insurance company's name, address, and phone number along with a certificate of insurance.

Limited Liability Companies (LLC) or Limited Liability Partnerships (LLP) with no employees other than the members or partners, are not required to carry workers' compensation insurance. If an LLC or LLP does have employees, a policy is required. Be advised that this affidavit may be submitted to the Department of Industrial Accidents for confirmation of insurance coverage.

Sign and date the affidavit

The affidavit should be returned to the city or town that the application for the permit or license is being requested, not the Department of Industrial Accidents. Should you have any questions regarding the law of if you are required to obtain a workers' compensation policy, please call the Department at the number listed below. Self-insured companies should enter their self-insurance license number on the appropriate line.

The Office of Investigation would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation and should you have any questions please do not hesitate to give us a call. The Department's address, telephone and fax number:

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Industrial Accidents
Office of Investigations
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Boston, MA 02111

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